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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

BILL: S.7885-A (Kaplan) / A.10090-A (Thiele)

SUBJECT: Requires NYSOT to Annually Prepare and Submit A Highway and Bridge Conditions Report

DATE: July 15, 2020

The Associated General Contractors of New York State, (AGC NYS) the leading statewide trade association representing union and open shop construction companies strongly supports S.7885-A (Kaplan) / A.10090-A (Thiele) which amends the transportation law, in relation to requiring the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to annually prepare and submit to the legislature certain highway pavement and bridge condition report.

AGC NYS concurs with the sponsors S.7885-A/A.10090-A that the legislation seeks to help inform the Legislature and public as to where funds are needed and are being appropriated to help repair and maintain New York's roads and bridges. A similar concept was included as part of the NYSDOT 2015-2019 five year capital plan and this legislation seeks to codify into transportation law this report. Having this information readily available will help pinpoint and address the roads and bridges that are in need of funding for repair or reconstruction while ensuring that the public can feel certain that the highways and bridges they use are being addressed to the best capabilities of New York.

In prior testimony submitted to the New York State Assembly Transportation Committee, AGC NYS urged lawmakers to require the NYSDOT to annually release a comprehensive road and bridge conditions report. Full analysis and reporting by the NYSDOT is fundamental to the ability to transparently and comprehensively address the management of one of the State's greatest assets – its transportation system. The sooner the Department presents their conditions, the better the Legislature will be able to provide funding for asset management and industry can construct the repairs and replacements needed in the most efficient way. Furthermore, this bill will help provide valuable information to the New York State Congressional Delegation as they fight to secure federal funding for New York's roads and bridges.

Therefore, AGC NYS supports S.7885-A (Kaplan) / A.10090-A (Thiele) and urges the Legislature to approve this bill.